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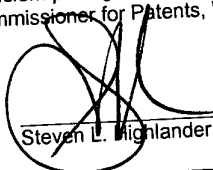
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RE: SN 09/576,101 "POLYEPITOPE VACCINES" – By *Andreas Suhrbier et al.* (Client Ref.: 92728)

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement Dated December 29, 2000 and Petition for Extension of Time(three-month extension);
- (2) A check for \$890.00 as the fee for the three-month extension of time; and
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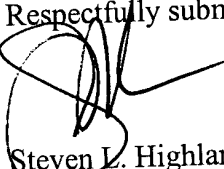
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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:
Andreas Suhrbier et al.

Serial No.: 09/576,101

Filed: May 22, 2000

For: POLYEPITOPE VACCINES

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: P. HUYNH

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 29, 2000 AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 29, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned application. The deadline for response is April 29, 2001, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and Payment of Fees. Should applicants' check be missing, or any other fees be due, applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Acct. NO. 55-1212/10018247/SLH. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, claims 5-11.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including April 29, 2001 in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated December 29, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed, which is/includes the process fee (\$890.00) for a three-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10018247/SLH.

Should Examiner Huynh have any questions regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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